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C.R.M. (DB) 344 of 2024

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Pathar Pratima P.S. Case No. 294 of 2022 dated 7.10.2022 under sections 376(2)(n)/506 IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act

And

In Re : Soumen Ranjit petitioner

Mr. S K Mondal

..... for the petitioner

Ms. Z N Khan

Mr. Palash Ch Majhi

..... for the State

1. Petitioner is in custody for more than a year. He contends victim has been examined. He has been falsely implicated in the case. He prays for bail.
2. Learned lawyer for the State opposes the bail payer. He submits petitioner is the step father of the victim. He had raped her.
3. We have considered the materials on record. Victim deposed in court that the petitioner had raped her. Petitioner is the step father of the victim. Allegations are grave.
4. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.
5. Accordingly, prayer for bail is rejected.
6. Trial court is requested to expedite the trial and conclude the same at an early date preferably within one year from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournments to either of the parties.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)